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## 100 OUTSTANDING EVENTS IN LINCOLN'S LIFE

### *Domestic*

- 1809, Feb. 12. Born in Hardin, now Larue County, Ky.
- 1816, Nov. Family moves from Kentucky to Indiana.
- 1818, Oct. 5. Mother dies in Spencer County, Ind.
- 1819, Dec. 2. Father married Sarah Johnston, a widow, at Elizabethtown, Ky.
- 1828, Jan. 20. Sister dies in Spencer County, Ind.
- 1830, Mar. 1. Family starts migration from Indiana to Illinois.
- 1835, Aug. 25. Sweetheart, Ann Rutledge, dies.
- 1837, Mar. 15. Removes from New Salem to Springfield.
- 1842, Nov. 4. Marries Mary Todd at Springfield, Ill.
- 1843, Aug. 1. First son, Robert Todd, born.
- 1844, Jan. 1. Purchases a home in Springfield, Ill.
- 1844, Oct. 26. Visits old boyhood home in Indiana.
- 1846, Mar. 10. Second son, Edward Baker, born.
- 1847, Oct. 25. Family leaves Springfield to reside in Washington, D. C.
- 1850, Feb. 1. Second child, Edward Baker, dies.
- 1850, Dec. 21. Third son, William Wallace, born.
- 1851, Jan. 17. Father dies in Coles County, Ill.
- 1853, Apr. 4. Fourth son, Thomas, born.
- 1860, May 19. Receives the notification committee from Chicago in his Springfield home.
- 1861, Jan. 21. Visits for the last time his stepmother living in Coles County, Ill.

- 1861, Feb. 11. Bids farewell to Springfield neighbors.  
1861, Mar. 1. Attends Inaugural Ball at White House.  
1862, Feb. 20. Third child, William Wallace, dies.  
1865, Apr. 14. Shot by an assassin in Ford's Theatre.  
1865, Apr. 15. Dies at 7:22 A.M.

### *Business*

- 1827, Summer. Hired by James Taylor to operate ferry across Anderson River in Spencer County, Ind.  
1828, April. Engaged by James Gentry to pilot flatboat from Rockport, Ind., to New Orleans, La.  
1831, Mar. Employed by Denton Offutt to build flatboat at Sangamon Town, Ill., and take load of produce to New Orleans, La.  
1832, Apr. 21. Chosen captain of military company.  
1832, Fall. Purchases partnership in store at New Salem.  
1833, May 7. Appointed postmaster at New Salem.  
1834, Jan. 14. Submits first known report as surveyor of Sangamon County, Ill.  
1834, Aug. Begins to study law.  
1836, Mar. 24. Sworn in as a lawyer at the Circuit Court of Sangamon.  
1836, Sept. 9. Licensed to practice law.  
1837, Mar. 1. Admitted to the bar of Illinois.  
1837, Apr. 12. Forms law partnership with Stuart.  
1839, Dec. 3. Admitted to practice in the circuit court of the United States.  
1841, May 14. Enters law partnership with Logan.  
1841, July. Tries a case insolving freedom of negro girl.  
1844, Sept. 20. Law partnership with Herndon formed.  
1849, May 30. Granted patent on device for lifting vessels over shoals.  
1855, Jan. 16. Makes opening argument in famous Illinois Central Tax Case.  
1855, Sept. 21. Humiliated by being ignored in McCormick Reaper case at Cincinnati, Ohio.  
1856, Dec. 1. Sits as judge pro tem in place of Davis on bench of Sangamon Circuit Court.  
1857, June 23. Awarded \$4,800 in suit against Illinois Central Railroad.

- 1857, Sept. 24. "Effie Afton" bridge case terminated.
- 1858, May 7. Successful in Armstrong murder case.
- 1860, Apr. 4. Wins verdict in famous "Sand Bar Case".
- 1860, June 20. Appears for last time as a practitioner in U. S. Circuit Court.

### *Political*

- 1831, Aug. 1. Casts first vote and serves as clerk of election at New Salem, Ill.
- 1832, Mar. 9. Announces as a candidate for the legislature of Illinois.
- 1832, Aug. 6. Defeated as candidate for legislature.
- 1834, Aug. 4. Elected to legislature for first time.
- 1837, Mar. 3. Protests against pro-slavery action in Illinois legislature.
- 1846, Aug. Elected as representative to Congress.
- 1847, Dec. 6. Takes seat in the Thirtieth Congress of the U. S.
- 1847, Dec. 22. Introduces "Spot Resolution" in House of Representatives.
- 1849, Jan. 16. Presents bill in House to abolish slavery in District of Columbia.
- 1854, Oct. 4. Delivers "Anti-Nebraska" speech.
- 1855, Feb. 8. Defeated as a candidate for U. S. Senate.
- 1856, Feb. 22. Makes important speech at Decatur before Editor's Convention.
- 1856, June 19. Receives 110 votes in Philadelphia Convention as candidate for Vice-President of the U. S.
- 1858, June 16. Delivers "House Divided Against Itself" speech at Springfield, Ill.
- 1858, Aug. 21. Opens series of debates with Douglas at Ottawa.
- 1858, Nov. 2. Defeated as a candidate for the Senate.
- 1860, Feb. 27. Delivers address at Cooper Union, New York City.
- 1860, May 9. Selected as a candidate for the Presidency by Ill. Republican Convention.
- 1860, May 18. Nominated for Presidency by Republican National Convention at Chicago.
- 1860, Nov. 6. Elected President of the United States.

- 1861, Feb. 22. Speaks in Independence Hall, Philadelphia.
- 1861, Mar. 4. Inaugurated President of the United States.
- 1864, June 7. Nominated as candidate for President on Union Party ticket.
- 1864, Nov. 8. Reelected to the Presidency.
- 1865, Mar. 4. Inaugurated for second time as President of the United States.

### *Executive*

- 1861, Mar. 1. Delivers first Inaugural Address.
- 1861, Mar. 9. Calls cabinet together for first time.
- 1861, Mar. 29. Orders the relief of Fort Sumter.
- 1861, Apr. 15. Calls for 75,000 militia and a special session of Congress.
- 1861, May 10. Proclaims martial law.
- 1861, July 4. Presents first message to Congress.
- 1862, Feb. 22. Issues general war order number one.
- 1862, July 12. Outlines compensated emancipation plan.
- 1862, Aug. 19. Replies to the Greeley editorial.
- 1862, Sept. 22. Presents preliminary Emancipation Proclamation.
- 1862, Oct. 1. Visits battlefield of Antietam.
- 1862, Dec. 26. Makes decision in Trent case.
- 1863, Jan. 1. Signs Emancipation Proclamation.
- 1863, Oct. 3. Proclaims First Annual National Thanksgiving Day.
- 1863, Nov. 19. Delivers the Gettysburg Address.
- 1864, Feb. 29. Names Grant as Lieutenant-General.
- 1864, July 18. Sends an open letter to Greeley about Confederate Commission.
- 1864, Nov. 21. Writes famous letter to Widow Bixby.
- 1865, Feb. 3. Meets Confederate envoys.
- 1865, Mar. 4. Delivers second Inaugural Address.
- 1865, Mar. 22. Visits Grant's army.
- 1865, Apr. 4. Makes trip to Richmond.
- 1865, Apr. 9. Notified of Lee's surrender.
- 1865, Apr. 11. Delivers last public address.
- 1865, Apr. 14. Presides over cabinet for last time.